GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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DEVELOPMENT OF CELLULAR JAIL IN PORT BLAIR
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has submitted any proposals for conservation and development of the famous cellular jail at Port Blair in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) The cellular jail at Port Blair in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands is not a centrally protected monument. Some portion of the cellular jail was damaged due to Tsunami in 2004 and Andaman & Nicobar Administration requested ASI's advice for repairing the damages caused to the structure. The necessary advice was tendered by the Chennai Circle of the ASI.The repair work was carried out by the Public Works Department of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.